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For: IMPROVED STRUCTURED-FUNCTIONAL BINDING MATRICES FOR  
BIOMOLECULES**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Preliminary to examination, please amend as follows.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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\* not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

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### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. XX If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.